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August 19, 2014

Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel  
Commissioner Ajit Pai  
Commissioner Michael O'Rielly

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners:

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Memphis Urban League, a 71-year-old affiliate of the National Urban League, the oldest and largest community-based movement of its kind in the country, I wish to extend my support for the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

Comcast is a key partner to the Memphis Urban League and has supported our Education and Youth Development departments, which provide a continuum of youth education support services. Due to this partnership, students have access to the resources they need to attain high academic achievement in high school and are prepared for success in college, career and life.

Comcast is a corporate pioneer in the areas of talent diversity and inclusion, key platforms here in Memphis and at Urban Leagues nationwide. Comcast has proven to be committed to supporting the ascent of professionals of color within its workforce and is dedicated to supporting community-based programs that train minorities and other disadvantaged populations to enter and succeed in the workforce.

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**Memphis Urban League** ([www.memphisul.org](http://www.memphisul.org)) - Established in 1932, The Memphis Urban League is an affiliate of the National Urban League, this nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans and other disadvantaged groups to enter the economic and social mainstream. The Memphis Urban League fulfills its mission through its workforce development, job placement and supplemental educational services programs.

Comcast is an integral regional and national employer - it is my understanding that nearly 130,000 people are employed within its ranks including about 3,000 in our state. Last year, I believe, Comcast spent about \$188 million on its Tennessee employees' wages, benefits and payroll taxes.

In the Memphis community, Comcast's Internet Essentials initiative is helping low-income individuals and families receive high-speed Internet in their homes - an essential tool for 21st century jobs and education - and the program has already reached 1.2 million Americans, a number that keeps climbing and will hopefully climb further if the transaction before you is approved.

Finally, Comcast is empowering local communities in Memphis and across the country, by developing a network of partners that are mobilizing resources for the benefit of all. I understand that, thanks to its volunteering, donations and scholarships, Comcast made a \$6 million charitable investment in Tennessee communities last year. Its civic-minded operations should be an example to other corporate citizens.

I strongly encourage the FCC to approve Comcast's proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tonja Sesley-Baymon". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle name.

Tonja Sesley-Baymon, President & CEO  
Memphis Urban League